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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

WILKINS, Thea A.

Application No.: 09/453,387

Filed: December 2, 1999

For: COTTON TRANSCRIPTION
FACTORS AND THEIR USES

Examiner: S. Baum

Art Unit: 1638

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7 and 20, please amend claim 1, 8, 11, and 19 to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of modulating transcription in a cotton plant, the method comprising introducing into the cotton plant a recombinant expression cassette comprising a promoter sequence operably linked to a heterologous polynucleotide sequence encoding a cotton MYB polypeptide, wherein the polynucleotide comprises a sequence at least 80% identical to SEQ ID NO:1.